GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PRICE OF COPRA
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of copra has been falling continuously.

(b) whether the price has fallen even below the support level announced for the 1999 season;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to undertake immediate market intervention through NAFED or through KERAFED for procurement operations on behalf of NAFED in Kerala;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has made any recommendation on the Minimum Support Price for COPRA for the year 2000;

(e) if so, the price so recommended; and

(f) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a)&(b): The prices of copra have shown a declining trend and have fallen below the Minimum Support Price for 1999 season in some markets.

(c): NAFED, the central nodal agency through the state marketing agencies, Marketfed& KERAFED has already commenced price support operations.

(d) to (f): In order to finalise price policy for copra for 2000 season, views of different states growing copra, including Kerala were elicited. The views of the state Government of Kerala have since been received and these will be duly taken into account while finalising the views of the Government.